

REMARKS

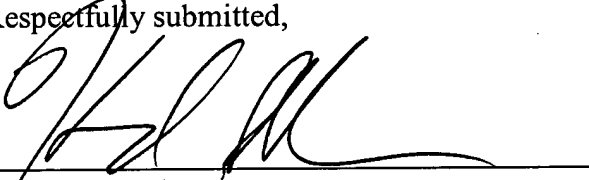
Applicant hereby replies to the Office Action mailed on November 4, 2004, of which this reply is filed within the three month shortened statutory period for response. Claims 18-19, 22-25, 31-33, 36, 38-45, 51, 55 and 56 were pending in this application and the Examiner allowed Claims 23-25, 31-33, 36, and 38-45, and rejected claims 18, 19, 22, 51, 55 and 56. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 18-19, 22-25, 31-33, 36, 38-45, 51, 55 and 56 are pending in the application.

The Examiner rejects claims 18, 19, 22, 51, 55 and 56 based upon 35 USC 101 because the claims are directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. However, to expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant amends claims 18, 19, 22, 51, 55 and 56 to clarify that certain steps are performed with the aid of technology, namely a computer.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. No new matter is added in this Response. Reconsideration of the application is thus requested. Applicant invites the Office to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response or the present application in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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